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SUBJECT: UGANDA: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AMIN

1. AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN HAS REPORTED THAT HE WAS CALLED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT 1600, MARCH 14 (KAMPALA TIME). HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LTC JUMA ORIS, WHO ASKED HIM TO PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AMIN TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

"THAT NOTHING WOULD HAPPEN TO ANY AMERICAN OR BRITISH IN UGANDA. ON THE CONTRARY, AMERICANS AND BRITISH WERE WELCOME IN UGANDA BECAUSE THEY GIVE VALUABLE ASSISTANCE, SUCH AS THE PILOTS FLYING THE BOEING 707 AND C-130, ALSO AS DOCTORS, NURSES, TEACHERS, ETC. UGANDA NEEDED THEIR SKILLS.

THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SHOULD NOT BE ALARMED BY RECENT NEWS. THE MEANING OF THE RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT WAS THAT THERE WERE A FEW AMERICANS AND BRITISH IN THE COUNTRY WHO PASSED FALSE INFORMATION ABOUT UGANDA OUT OF THE COUNTRY. BUT ALSO TO THESE PEOPLE NOTHING WOULD HAPPEN. IF THERE WAS ANY PROOF THAT AN INDIVIDUAL

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AMERICAN OR BRITISH WAS ENGAGED IN 'SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES' HE WOULD BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY QUIETLY BUT NO SUCH CASE WAS IMMINENT AND THERE WAS CERTAINLY NO ACTION PLANNED.

THAT ANY AMERICAN OR BRITISH WHO WANTED TO COULD LEAVE UGANDA ANY TIME."

2. AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN REPORTED FURTHER THAT THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS THEN THANKED HIM FOR HIS SERVICES DURING THE LAST CRISIS WITH AMERICA AND THE WAY THE MATTER WAS HANDLED BY THE GERMAN EMBASSY.

3. THE MINISTER ADDED THAT UGANDA WANTED GOOD RELATIONS WITH AMERICANS, BUT HE DID NOT GO FURTHER TO SUGGEST REOPENING OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. ACCORDING TO ELLERKMANN, THE MINISTER WAS OUT OF UGANDA DURING THE CRISIS ATTENDING CONFERENCES IN LOME AND CAIRO.

4. AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN RECOMMENDS THAT, ALTHOUGH THE INFORMAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AMIN TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO BE SUFFICIENT CLARIFICATION, THAT AN INFORMAL AND ORAL MESSAGE BE PASSED THROUGH THE SAME CHANNEL IN RETURN. THE AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDS THAT THE MESSAGE EITHER BE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT OR FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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